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FROM PANAMA DTG 122303 Z JUN 73:

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SUBJ: DEAN ALLEGATIONS

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1. MATUTINO AND CRITICA, MORNING DAILIES OF GOVT' S RENOVACION
NEWSPAPER CHAIN, RAN IDENTICAL EFE WIRESERVICE STORIES
REPORTING JOHN DEAN' S CHARGES. MATUTINO BLAZED HEADLINE
ACROSS TOP FRONT PAGE ---" PLAN TO ASSASSINATE TORRIJOS"---
WITH SUB- HEAD---" HAD BEEN STUDIED AT LOW LEVELS OF WHITE
HOUSE". CRITICA TOOK TOP FOURTH OF ITS FRONT PAGE
FOR HEADLINE " ASSASSINATION OF TORRIJOS PLANNED BY CIA".
EFE STORY REPORTED THAT COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY HAS
ASKED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ALLEGATION. ACCORDING TO STORY PRINTED HERE MOTIVE FOR
ALLEGED PLAN WAS " SUPPOSED IMPLICATIONS OF HIGH PANAMANIAN
AUTHORITIES IN DRUG TRAFFIC AND PANAMA' S LACK OF COOPERATION
IN RENEGOTIATION OF CANAL TREATY.

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2. INDEPENDENT MORNING PAPERS LA ESTRELLA AND STAR & HERALD
MADE NO RPT NO MENTION OF DEAN STORY NOR DID EVENING GOVT.
PAPERS EL PANAMA AMERICA OR THE PANAMA AMERICA.

(COMMENT: THE INDEPENDENT PAPERS SIMPLY WOULD BE
HESITANT TO RUN SUCH A SENSITIVE STORY WITHOUT GOVT.
CLEARANCE BUT THE FACT THAT THE AFTERNOON PAPERS NEGLECTED IT
CLEARLY INDICATES THAT GOVT. AUTHORITIES HAVE TURNED THEM
OFF.). THOMPSON UNQUOTE PORTER

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